

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):
(a) Approximately Rs. 8,74,641.

(b) Approximately Rs. 2,22,658.

The Changanachery—Wazhur road.

95. * MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*):
Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) on how many occasions the Changanachery—Wazhur road became unfit for cart traffic during the recent South-West monsoons;

(b) how many days the P. W. D. took in repairing the road on each occasion;

(c) whether cart traffic was completely stopped on any occasion;

(d) if so, for how many days; and

(e) the total sum realised by the Government from the two toll-gates (at Changanachery and Wazhur) in 1108?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (a) A portion of the 4th mile of the road became unfit on two occasions.

(b) About a week.

(c) No.

(d) This does not arise.

(e) It is not possible to give this figure separately, as Changanachery and Wazhur are only two of the eight gates included under "Changanachery" and "Piruvalla" toll-gates, which were all auctioned together.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): If the cart traffic is stopped anywhere in the road, will the matter be reported to the Chief Engineer by the local authorities?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Certainly, it will be reported.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Has not the Executive Engineer, Kottayam, written to the Chief Engineer as yet that at one time at least the cart traffic was stopped?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice for that.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Has not the Executive Engineer, Kottayam, written to the Chief Engineer that about the 16th of Edavam he himself found it impossible to pass along the road?

PRESIDENT: That is furnishing information to Government and not asking for information.

Flood relief in Nedumangad taluk.

96. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was not a flood in Nedumangad taluk in the month of Thulam 1108 M. E.;

[Mr. S. J. Nair.]

(b) whether the Government sanctioned Rs. 300 to be given towards flood relief to the people who suffered and lost houses at Vamanapuram :

(c) whether the sanctioned amount of Rs. 300 was awarded to those who suffered and

(d) if the answer to part (c) is in the negative, the reason why the allotted amount was not given and the person who is responsible for not giving it in time ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(a) Yes ;

(b) Yes ;

(c) & (d) This amount was not immediately utilised since the Dewan Peishkar, at whose instance it was sanctioned, found, after personal inspection, that no immediate relief was necessary, and reported that proposals for utilising the sanctioned amount would be sent up by him after preparing a list of buildings which had fallen down and after ascertaining the really needy among the owners of the buildings so affected. Subsequently, after due enquiry, 18 poor people among the owners of the damaged buildings were selected as really needy and deserving of help and sums ranging from Rs. 3 to Rs. 7 were distributed to them with the sanction of Government on 2-11-1108 by the Tahsildar, Nedumangad. The total amount so distributed was Rs. 96.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member when the flood took place ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : In Thulam 1108.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member when the Dewan Peishkar inspected the place ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : He first inspected it on 19-3-1108 to get first hand information about the extent of the havoc caused by the floods.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangal*) : May I know from the member who reported to the Government for the allotment for the flood damages ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The Peishkar.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : When was it ?

PRESIDENT : The member, who is asked for supplementary questions, and cannot lay his hands immediately on the information asked for, cannot expect the whole House to wait. The simple remedy for him is to ask for notice of the question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : He made a recommendation in his letter dated 3-11-1932.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the name of the Dewan Peishkar who made the report to the Government for the allotment for the flood damage and who subsequently made the recommendation to reduce the amount ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : No recommendation was made to reduce the amount.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nelumangad*) : May I know the name of the Dewan Peishkar ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the Government had any idea of the nature and extent of the damage done when they sanctioned the amount of Rs. 300 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : It was sanctioned for the purpose of giving immediate relief. No detailed estimate as to the extent of the damage or the amount required was furnished to the Government. It was intended for immediate relief to the distressed people.

Recruitment of Ezhavas as Munsiffs.

97. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Ezhavas are treated as a separate community in the matter of direct appointment of Munsiffs ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes?

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know from the member when the Ezhavas were treated as a separate community ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice of that question, Sir.

Classification of Muslims for recruitment as Munsiffs.

98. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Muhammadan community is classed separately or among the "miscellaneous" in the matter of recruitment as Munsiffs ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is classed with the "miscellaneous" group.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : May I know the rank —

PRESIDENT : A bit louder, please. The chair has to hear you to find out whether the question is admissible or not.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : May I know the rank of the Muslim community among the "miscellaneous" group ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The rule says that every alternate appointment in the "miscellaneous" group will go to a Brahmin. There is no rank for the other communities of that group.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the reason why the Muslim community is classed among the "miscellaneous" group ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Compared with the communities which have been shown separately, namely, Christians, Ezhavas and Nairs, the Muslims, from the point of view of population, must be considered as a minority community ; and